

# Week 3: Intimacy with my Shepherd

## Opening.

Intimacy with Jesus begins with the understanding of who Jesus is, and who we are. He is the Shepherd, we are His sheep. In John 10, He tells us of His pastoral and redemptive roles in our lives, and hopefully, we discover our role in the process.

**Scripture.** John 10:1-18 / Psalm 23:1-6

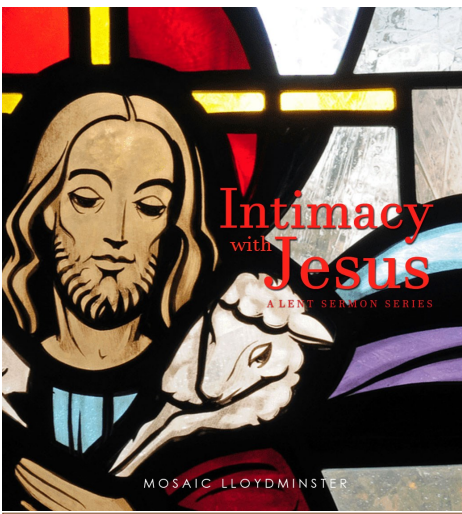
## Key Question.

- What's one idea from the sermon that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- Describe the role of Jesus as a shepherd to us found in scripture? What does a shepherd do?
- What is a "hired hand" and how did Jesus describe their attitude about their job?
- Describe the intimacy between a shepherd and the sheep based on John 10:14-15 and Psalm 23.
- What are sheep like?
- How have you experienced the challenges of being like a sheep?
- Where in your life might you need God's guidance and protection?

## Application.

- Describe a time when God provided for you during a time of need. How did that experience affect your relationship with God?
- How do you know when God is guiding you?
- Describe a time when God corrected you. How did you respond to His correction?
- What steps can you take to become even closer to the Good Shepherd so you can hear His voice?

**Prayer.** Is there an area of your life that you need to surrender to God?



## SCRIPTURE

### JOHN 10

11 *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.*

12 *A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.*

13 *The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.*

14 *"I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me,*

15 *just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.*

16 *I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.*